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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR THE  
PRODUCTION OF VINYL CHLORIDE BY  
THERMAL CRACKING OF 1,2-  
DICHLOROETHANE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.